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SUBJECT: FAA AND PANAM TECH ASSISTANCE TO OMAN

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1. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PANAM REPRESENTATIVE ORVILLE LAPE, THE OMANGOV HAS ASKED PANAM TO PROVIDE TWO PLANNERS FOR SEEB INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ON THE GROUNDS THAT FAA/W IS HAVING TROUBLE LOCATING SUITABLE PERSONNEL FOR THE PROJECT. THE OMANI REQUEST HAS BEEN REPORTED TO PANAM HEADQUARTERS. PANAM IS NOW PREPARING A MANAGEMENT CONTRACT PROPOSAL WHICH IS EXPECTED TO REACH THE COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

2. PANAM BELIEVES IT CAN MAKE TWO OF ITS EMPLOYEES AVAILABLE FOR THE PLANNING JOB WITHIN 45 DAYS, IF THE OMANIS DECIDE TO ACCEPT THE PANAM OFFER. LAPE HAS TOLD US, HOWEVER, THAT PANAM DOES NOT WANT TO CREATE A CONFLICT WITH FAA, AND WILL CONSULT WITH THE EMBASSY BEFORE GIVING FINAL APPROVAL TO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OMANIS.

3. EMBASSY COMMENT: WE ARE NOT SURE HOW PANAM FEELER WOULD BEAR ON OMANGOV/FAA AGREEMENT. PRESUMABLY UNDER THIS NEW FOR-

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MULA, FAA WOULD PROVIDE PERSONNEL LICENSING SPECIALIST ONLY AT

APPROPRIATELY REDUCED PRICE. CONCEIVABLY, PANAM SPECIALISTS
COULD BE SECONDED TO FAA FOR SERVICE UNDER AGREEMENT, THEREBY
ELIMINATING POTENTIAL DIFFICULTIES. AT ANY RATE, IT SEEMS
TO US THAT NEXT MOVE IS FAA/PANAM CONSULTATION HOPEFULLY
LEADING TO EARLY AGREEMENT ON WHICH ORGANIZATION IS TO PROVIDE
EXPERTS. PLEASE ADVISE.
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